



South Coast Air Quality Management District's

Public Workshop & CEQA Scoping Meeting Notice

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO AQMD FUGITIVE DUST RULES

PROPOSED AMENDED RULES 403 (FUGITIVE DUST), 1186 (PM10 EMISSION REDUCTIONS FROM PAVED AND UNPAVED ROADS, AND LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS) AND 403.1 (WIND ENTRAINMENT OF FUGITIVE DUST)

January 15, 2004

1:30 p.m.

AQMD Headquarters
21865 Copley Drive
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Auditorium

January 21, 2004

10:30 a.m.

Coachella Valley Assoc. of Govts.
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Room 119

Purpose of the Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has scheduled a public workshop to present information and solicit suggestions from the public regarding the **implementation of additional fugitive dust controls**. These proposed amended rules would affect fugitive dust sources including, but not limited to, construction activities, vehicular travel on paved and unpaved roads, windblown dust from disturbed vacant lands, and agricultural activities. They would also affect sources in both the South Coast Air Basin (Basin) and the Coachella Valley.

Air Quality Objective

The Basin and the Coachella Valley are classified as "serious" PM10 nonattainment areas. (PM10 is small airborne particulate matter less than 10 microns in size). The purpose of amending these rules is to conform to the latest U.S. EPA guidance, improve rule clarity and compliance, and further reduce fugitive dust and corresponding PM10

emissions as part of overall air quality plans designed to expeditiously attain the PM10 standards. For the Basin, these controls are described in the 2003 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) control Measure BCM-07 – Further Reductions from Fugitive Dust Sources. For the Coachella Valley, these controls are described in the 2002 and 2003 Coachella Valley PM10 State Implementation Plan (CVSIP) control measures, CVBCM-01 through CVCMB-05. These control measures would be implemented through amendments to existing fugitive dust rules: Rules 403, 1186, and 403.1

Proposed Amended Rules

SCAQMD staff is proposing to amend Rules 403, 1186 and 403.1 to implement several fugitive dust control measures. The rule amendments will generally increase the stringency or applicability of the control requirements, and augment and clarify public and agency notification requirements.

Proposed amendments to Rule 403 include, but are not limited to:

- modify BACM measures to make them consistent with the recently updated Coachella Valley BACM measures
- lower track-out clean-up requirements threshold
- For large operations:
 - redefine large operations
 - consider replacement of dust plan submittals with large operation notifications (LONs)
 - annual submittals of LONs, instead of one-time submittals
 - require dust control outreach signage on-site
- extend agricultural dust control provisions to Coachella Valley
- require watering before tilling for weed abatement
- modify exemptions
- modify recordkeeping requirements

Proposed amendments to Rule 1186 include, but are not limited to, extending the requirements from the Basin to the whole District and removing the exemption from sweeping provisions related to unpaved road connections and unpaved shoulders.

Proposed amendments to Rule 403.1 include, but are not limited to, a title change to “Additional Coachella Valley Fugitive Dust Requirements,” and addition of dust control plan submittal requirements for projects not under local jurisdiction control or dust control ordinances.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and SCAQMD Rule 110, the SCAQMD is preparing appropriate CEQA documentation to analyze any potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed rules. This public workshop also serves as a CEQA scoping meeting to solicit public input on the scope of the analysis to be included in the environmental analysis.

Supporting Documents

The following documents are or will be available:

1. 2003 AQMP Appendix IV-A, District’s Stationary and Mobile Source Control Measures
2. 2002 CVSIP and 2003 CVSIP
3. Proposed Amended Rules 403, 1186, and 403.1 (available on January 15, 2004):
4. Preliminary Draft Staff report (available on January 15, 2004)

The 2003 AQMP, its appendices, and the CVSIPs are available at www.aqmd.gov/aqmp. Copies of any document listed above may be obtained from

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Submission of Comments

The public is requested to send documents, studies, data, reports, comments or other information relevant to this rule making no later than February 5, 2004 to:

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